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- 2. Form 1449 listing forty-four (44) documents (2 pages); and
- 3. Copies of the non-U.S. listed documents (6 documents).

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The Applicants and others substantively involved in the preparation of the application are aware of the documents listed on the enclosed PTO-1449 form and have enclosed copies of the non-U.S. listed documents.

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